

Department of Marine Resources, New Special License application information

Please find below the link to the DMR Special License statutes. An application should be in the form of a letter and address the items listed below. Please mail (with a signature) the letter to Department of Marine Resources, attn: L. Churchill, PO Box 8, West Boothbay Harbor, ME 04575-0008. First time applicants usually find it helpful to discuss questions once they have read the requirements. Feel free to call me at 207-633-9584, email aurice.churchill@maine.gov, or cell 207-441-2125.

Laurice Churchill – DMR Regulations Officer

12 M.R.S. §6074 web link: <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/12/title12sec6074.html>

Provide the following information:

Who: Name, residential address and business address (if applicable), date of birth (mandatory), telephone contact information (include a fax number if available) and email address. This same information is required of all names on the license who may be alone in the field or in possession of illegal marine organisms.

Why: Doctoral thesis, laboratory class, research on what. Provide copy of executive summary of grants, etc

What: Describe activity, objectives. *If requesting an exemption for any federally endangered, threatened or listed species of concern provide in writing information about your contact with the respective federal agency and any conditions or requirements by that agency.*

Quantify: State the amount of each species to be collected, handled, tagged, etc

How: Gear type, hand collection, other? Quantify if applicable.

When: Date(s), timeframe, annual, number of annual renewals required – may be up to 4, what is duration of project?

Where: Location: sites, Cove(s), bay, town – where collection takes place

Location: where specimens may be housed/held – if applicable

Location: where specimens might be released – if applicable

Exemptions requested: List each Maine Department of Marine Resources statutes and regulations from which you request to be exempt - <http://www.maine.gov/dmr/> and select Marine laws or Regulations

NEW: Effective January 1, 2008 all vessels engaged in the authorized activity must carry a current US Coast Guard "Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspection Decal". The cost of the inspection is free and assures that the inspected vessel has met all the federal safety requirements for safety equipment and training of the crew.

Proof** of the inspection must be received prior to issuance of your DMR Special License. Mail to DMR, Attn: L. Churchill, PO Box 8, W Boothbay Hbr, ME 04575. For more information go to the Coast Guard web page: <http://www.uscg.mil/d1/sectNNE/cfvs.asp>

(**CG-5587 FORM - "USCG Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Report")

Any marine organism less than legal size may not be sold and may not be shipped out-of-state via a Special License.

Fees: Required \$100 for a [new application](#) plus an [issuance fee](#) based on number of names (\$50 for 1-2 names; \$100 for 3-10 names; \$200 for 11-20 names etc). (The issuance fee becomes the [renewal fee](#) structure after the first year.) (Checks are payable to Treasurer, State of Maine; please inquire if you wish to pay by credit card.)

Once received, the application will be reviewed with the Commissioner's Office and determination made if and when a presentation before the DMR Advisory Council is the next step.